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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter;
- (2) Information Disclosure Statement;
- (3) Form PTO-1449 citing six (6) references; and
- (4) Copies of six (6) references.

Respectfully submitted,

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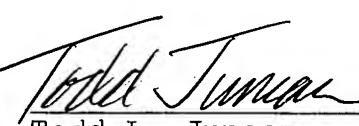
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If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this application, kindly telephone the undersigned at the below-listed number.

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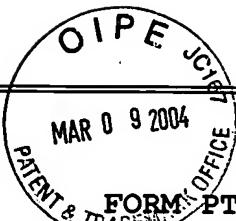
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